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*Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestic.*

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 1751.

**CONSTANTINOPLE, July 23.**

WE have a most disagreeable Scene before us this Year, the Plague has so considerably augmented, as to oblige the Inhabitants to be almost continually removing from one Village to another, or rather from one Seat of Infection to the other; for even the remotest Parts, which were always thought to be the most secure, have not been exempt. In the midst of this Calamity, we have had four successive Fires; the first on the ninth Instant, near the Mosque of Sultan Mehomet, which burnt for 21 Hours, with a violent North-East Wind, by which nine Districts of the Town have been consumed, each District containing about 700 Houses, among which were the Quarters of the Janizaries, consisting of 98 Ranges of Chambers, each usually containing from 350 to 400 Men. The Janizaries then present, to the Number of about 20,000, were, in this Extremity, obliged to encamp on the great Place called the Bithmeidan; 200 of them have been since missing, and it is concluded were destroyed in attempting to extinguish the Flames. The other three Fires were less considerable, burning only four or five Hours each; by which, however, many Scraglio's of the great Men of this Government, have been reduced to Ashes.

*Hamburg, August 27.* Letters from Constantinople say, that the Plague rages so violently, as to carry off daily upwards of 1000 Persons in that Capital.

*Aleppo, June 22.* By Letters from Bassora, of the 15th of May, we are informed, that the Dutch Affairs are much perplexed both on that, and the Mallabar Coast, and even on Java, through the Wars they are engaged in with the Country People; and the Death of their General, Baron Imhoff, still adds to the Confusion of their Affairs.

*Genoa, August 14.* Two of our Gallies, which lately went in Quest of the Corsairs of Barbary, brought Yesterday into this Port two Merchant Ships bearing the Turkish Flag, bound to the Levant, and laden with divers Kinds of Merchandize.

*Schaffhausen, August 24.* We are assured that the Pope, the Courts of Turin and Naples, the Duke of Modena, the Republics of Venice, Genoa, and Lucca, have unanimously resolved again to make strong Representations to the Emperor, as Grand Duke of Tuscany, to engage his Imperial Majesty not to grant the Barbary Corsairs in future any Retreat in his Ports, because of the inexpressible Damage that has resulted therefrom to the Commerce of the Christian Powers in the Mediterranean.

*Amsterdam, Sept. 3.* We have Advice that the King of Denmark has bought of the Emperor of Morocco, for the Sum of 70,000 Ducats, the Ports of Saffia and St. Croix, on the Coast of Barbary.

*Hague, August 29.* The Affairs of the Dutch East India Company are declining in a most astonishing Manner, and the more so as Nobody can see any Cause for it. The Ships which last arrived from thence are more numerous and richer than what have come from thence for many Years past, the Merchandize is better chosen, and will sell for one Third more than what used to be brought by the India Ships. In short, the Affairs of the Company are seemingly upon a better Footing than they were before the Death of Baron Imhoff, (the late Governor of Batavia, by the Prudence and good Conduct of the new General, who is a very able upright Man. Notwithstanding all this, the Actions are all on a sudden fallen more than 12 per Cent, and the Chief of the Company, but as fast as they can; but what is still more surprizing, that it is the Heads of the Party that opposes the present Regency, who

eagerly buy in these Actions, which one would imagine would not only support, but even raise them, and yet the contrary happens.

L O N D O N.

*August 29.* From Bath we have an Account of the following Intrigue: A young Fellow, a Deserter in the Guards; in order to conceal himself, was hired to a Person of Distinction as an Upper House-Maid in the Family; from his Entrance into the House he had a Female Bedfellow, and they, in a short Time, were observed by the rest of the Servants, to have an uncommon Esteem for each other; the Reason was concealed for near eighteen Months, till at last poor Jenny unwillingly betrayed herself by the Roundness of her Hips, which occasioned the rest of the Girls in the Family to consult together, and privately examine the pretended House-Maid, as thus: One Night, in the Absence of the Maid, who was pregnant, and while the other was fast locked in Sleep, they crept unobserved to his Apartment, and were soon convinced; but, upon Mary's (which was the Name he went by) awaking, they shriek'd and ran down Stairs over each other; the Fellow next Morning, bundled up his Petticoats, made an Elopement, and has left poor Jenny to Father the Child. The old Lady, a Woman of 70, who sometimes had a Maid to lie with her, cried out, upon hearing of it, What a Miracle have I escaped! It might as well have happened to me!

Tuesday Morning upwards of 150 Palatines embarked on board the Antelope, Capt. John McClellan, lying in the River, bound for Georgia.

From Vienna we have an Account of a dreadful Fire that happened at Stamssea, near Presburg, which is Part of the Estate of Count Leopold Palsy, whereby ninety Houses were reduced to Ashes, and some others greatly damaged.

The Merchants of this City have appointed a Meeting Tomorrow, in order to prepare a Petition to Parliament, for providing some effectual Means to prevent the most infamous Depredations on the Property of Merchants suffering by Shipwreck.

The Malteze Gallies are put to Sea on a Cruize against the Barbary Pyrates, who are going to receive a Present of naval Stores from his Danish Majesty, which will only enable them to augment their Depredations.

From the Utrecht Gazette we learnt, that the English East-India Company have resolved to contract for four Companies of Switzers, of 150 Men each; they are to rendezvous at a Town upon the Rhine, in order to embark for England, where they are immediately to receive £ 7 each Man, and from thence to serve in the Settlement of that Company.

Last Week a brilliant young Lady of the first Water, intending the Tour of France, and without doubt to appear in full-Lustre there, sent a Card to a grave Merchant of this City, to enquire the Character of a Valet, lately discharged the Gentleman's Service, containing the following remarkable but important Questions: Can he flourish a Flambeau well? Can he breed a Riot in a Playhouse? And can he give a genteel Rap at a Door? To this Billet the good old Gentleman returning no other Answer than that he was a very honest, sober, and diligent Fellow, the Lady was pleas'd immediately to dismiss him as unqualified for such an Expedition.

*August 29.* There is said to be a Scheme on Foot for redressing the Grievances complain'd of from sending Felons over into the Plantations, and at the same Time, for rendering them more serviceable to the Community; but in what Manner is not as yet publicly known.

*Aug. 28.* The King of Spain has made it Death for any of his